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1. REFTEL OUTLINES CONCERN OF SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES
OVER GROWING ANGOLAN REFUGEE PROBLEM DEVELOPING IN
NORTHERN NAMIBIA. EARLIER THIS MONTH WE WERE INFORMED
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THAT UNHCR WAS SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTH AFRICA TO

LOOK INTO THE SITUATION. WE HAVE LATER LEARNED THAT THIS MISSION WAS CANCELLED.

2. IN GENERAL CONTEXT OF ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT, IF ANY, PLANS UNHCR MIGHT HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR GROUP IN NAMIBIA. US MISSION GENEVA SHOULD TAKE CARE, HOWEVER, TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT WE ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF SOUTH AFRICA OR THAT WE ARE IN ANY WAY URGING UNHCR SPECIFICALLY TO ASSIST NAMIBIAN GROUP. OUR QUERY IS RESTRICTED TO INTEREST IN UNHCR PLANS. FYI. WE BELIEVE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT (SAG) IS FULLY CAPABLE OF EITHER BEARING COSTS INVOLVED OR OF APPROACHING UNHCR ITSELF. AS MISSION AWARE, THIS IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM ON WHICH SAG HAS ATTEMPTED ENLIST OUR COLLABORATION PREVIOUSLY . INGERSOLL

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